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Don't be a dunce. Give your last shot at studying your best shot! Finals tomorrow and Thursday.

Making Tracks

The track season wound up May 17. The Paw Paw girls were defeated by Constantine but pulled out a win over Schoolcraft. They took a big win against Lawton 92-27 on the 16th. Ingrid Lacy broke her own record in the 220, and the 880 relay team of Jenny Burk, Sarah McCarthy, Annette Brugh and Ingrid Lacy also broke their record.

The Paw Paw boys defeated Hartford, in a three-way meet, and finished the season 4-3. Mike Roy bested the old mark in the shot put by 4 feet to set it at 40'4½" and the two-mile relay team of Joel Parish, Todd Warner, Bob Stilson, and Rick Walters beat the old mark by 3.8 seconds to run a 4:23.6. The boys' team swept the shot put by placing Roy, Casey, Begeman and Erickson.

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ONLY TWO DAYS TO GO! (but who's counting?)

Going on to High School

Ode from an 8th Grader- High School

High is a place where everything is cool.

A fool here and there sitting on stools facing the wall,

Kids running through halls, some fall, others just stand tall,

And most feel so small,
Standing by the wall.

Others move constantly, not time to think, just feeling and flying
Down the hall.

Guy makes eyes at girls,
Girls flash their baby-blue peal eyes

Because the sky's the limit
When you got a minute.

Rushing here and there
Bustling through the crowd,
Everybody's loud,
There's a crowd around in a circle
And who do you think I will be?
Just little old me gettin' beatin'
To my little old knees
For my lunch money!

Calvin Williams

Chicago: Our Kind of Town

The field trips to Chicago left memories for everyone who went. One eighth grader explained, "We went to Chicago. We saw a lot of things like animals and different mechanical displays. When you first walk in, you see jets hanging from the ceiling. I enjoyed the coal mine. They take you down and you see how they mine the coal. It was cool and then we went into the sub. There were many good things to enjoy.

One not-so-good thing was the three-hour bus ride it took to get there, but if I ever get a chance to go again, I will." by J. Kellerman

8th Grade Section-

A tradition continues as we ask 8th graders what they will miss most about the middle school, what advice they would give to the 6th and 7th graders, and what they would leave to whom and why.

THEY'LL MISS MOST....

Casey Kopec will miss "all the nice teachers," Doug Craddock will miss "the teachers- some of them- and some classes, also drafting," and Scott Figg will miss "the teachers, especially Mr. Topp, Mr. Stenner, and Mrs. Swanson." Shawn Scowley will miss "the small lockers and the old floors. When you walk on them, they creak." Arthur Sirrine will miss "all the 7th and 6th graders and Mr. Topp. (Mr. T.)" Theresa Drake will miss "Mr. Crook." Patty Emerson will miss "nothing- well, the teachers I guess the most." Corrina Mandigo will miss "Mr. Stenner's Harfield posters." Mike Heinzelman will miss "the teachers, especially Mr. Snyder." Jim Roberts will miss "the creaking floors and pulling pranks on the 6th graders."

Brett Doornhaag will miss "Mr. Ruesink, Mr. Stenner and wooden floors." Scott Blackburn will miss "looking at Mr. Edinger's crazy ties." Kelli Wallace will miss "the small lockers and all of the laps and calcs. in gym." Nancy Clarke will miss "all the laps and the extra homework in Mr. Erickson's class." Joe Newman will miss "nothing except the food and Mr. Topp."

David Hone will miss "the dopey posters in Ms. Swanson's room, & the old chimney on the south side of the building that looks like an MX missile silo." Lisa Brooks will miss "not really anything except talking to Mr. Drury every day." Mike Zantello will miss "the dances and the food fights. I'll miss picking on Mrs. Swanson (the shrimp)." Janie Vanetti Bell will miss "Mr. Kannegieter and Ms. Swanson." Melissa Heighton will miss "Mr. Erickson's favorite saying, 'Quiet, you knock-kneed, cedar-chested, wood-brained etc.' and the wonderful lunches, half of which I haven't figured

out yet or got over." Michelle Page will miss "most of all Mr. Snyder who is really a nice teacher and fun. And I will miss Mrs. Swanson because of her personality." Terry Moorefield will miss "the floors that creak every time I walk. I will miss some of the teachers and I will miss going up and down the stairs." Carin Thomas will miss "the charm of my math tutor...not teacher but friendly student tutor."

Steve Johnson will miss "those wonderful lunch room ladies, Mrs. Firestone, Mrs. Conelly, and Mrs. Maxwell who I know are very disappointed that I'm leaving." Craig Begeman will miss Mike Charron because he said he was going to flunk." Andrew Menard will miss "these great intellectual classes like gym and home ec." Sean Casey will miss "the way Mr. Topp handles his study hall class." Rory Strand will miss "bugging the cooks." Cherie Verile will miss "Mr. Erickson shooting David M. with his track gun."

Howard Jordan will miss "Mr. Edinger." Greg Watterworth will miss "the long vacations and the delicious hot lunches we had." (Not to worry Greg they have hot lunch at the high school too!) Doug Reisterer will miss "all the weird kids, all the fast dances and my favorite teacher. I'll keep that a secret." Patty Wiley will miss "Mr. Brill calling me Pat Wiley every time he calls on me. I will also miss being on top. That I waited for for three years."

John Wrona will miss "the school food and Mrs. Maxwell," Scott Riegle will miss "the lunches and the long tests Mr. Erickson gives." Marci Davis will miss "Mr. Stenner and all the laughs we had together, and all the great teachers!" Denyse Hamel will miss "those adorable little 7th graders and those healthy hot lunches." Tony Meeker will miss "most all the very foxy girls that I see every day." Melissa Makowski will miss

MISSING WHAT?

Melissa M. will miss "the atmosphere of the middle school, friends and teachers." Bill Hensell will miss "all the fun tests in all the classes and the great lunch food. Ha Ha." (Cheer up Bill. They give tests at the high school too.) Tim Wunderlich will miss "the fire drills and fires." David Moorian will miss "well, I don't know until I get to the high school see how cruddy it is." On that note, we'll move to the next category.

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ADVICE TO 6th and 7th GRADERS

Dan Kanwischer suggests "stay home if possible and stay away from the deadly film strips." Jeff Fritz advises that you "not mouth off to Mr. Topp." Tracy Daigler suggests "never talk back to the teachers, especially Mr. Topp." Chris Dziewicki says "stay out of trouble and study." Shannon Schuring warns "be cool and watch out for Mr. Erickson and Mr. Topp." Steve Van Brussel suggests that you "not" pick on Mr. Brill because he's getting too old for that kinda stuff." Tracy Drake says, "get Mr. Topp for a teacher."

Larry Hunter says "act like jerks" which is rather unusual advice. That takes talent. Not everyone can do that; you have to come by it naturally! Angie Marr advises "Wonita please get Mrs. Dobbs for homeroom." Shannon Guerrero warns "Always get your homework done. Don't say you don't have it or forgot. That won't be good enough. Tell them your brother ate it." John Bielski says, "Don't argue with teachers and tell them they're the smartest people you know. Keep a straight face." Jill Gregory advises, "Don't eat the school veggies." Jon Kellerman warns, "Don't write on Mr. Erickson's desks." David Smith says, "Be good and try to do what you can."

ADVICE to 6th & 7th

Sarah McCarthy warns, "Never volunteer to do anything in Mr. Erickson's class unless you know what it is. You never know, you maybe the specimen in his 'see if humans can sprout wings and fly by jumping off the roof' experiment." Aaron Rickli advises, "Don't write on Mr. Erickson's desks and don't volunteer for anything in Mr. Crook's class, especially baseball."

Michelle Labadie says, "Stay cool and stay away from all the short teachers.. like Mrs. Swanson!" Jeff Marr suggests, "Watch out for Mr. Edinger and oh don't get Mr. E. angry. Be sure and inquire about a co-ed program." Lisa Byers also warns "Look out for Mr. Erickson." Mike Hansen says, "Don't talk in Mr. Erickson's class and be sweet to Mrs. Swanson or else! Also, don't drink the water." Brent White warns, "Watch out for Mr. Zolp who loves to have company after school."

Marie Hoover suggests, "Don't expect to be treated better than others because they always compare you to others." Missy Riegle says, "Beware of the lunch. It may bite you." Nay Weinhardt says, "If you have Mr. Brill for history, then only sleep during the movies." Kim Good advises, "Look out for Mr. Erickson's sense of humor - it's a killer." Kraig Goodwin suggests, "Leave while you can." John Henrickson says, "Watch out for the baked chicken and be thankful that you do not dissect right before or right after lunch in 7th grade."

Michelle Veldt warns, "Don't be tardy for lunch too often or you will get it from Mr. Stenner." Jeff Stearns says, "If you enter the cafeteria be sure to bring your stomach pump." Kerrie Anderson says, "If you get anybody besides Mr. Topp or Mrs. Swanson for homeroom, change it. Also, get Mr. Brill for social studies." Sandy New says, "Watch out for Mr. Erickson's tests and 'jokes'. They'll drive you crazy." Gary Conolly says, "Do all the readings for Mr. Erickson."

Our Last Will & Testament

AS THOUGH YOU WERE WRITING A LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT, WHAT WILL YOU LEAVE TO WHOM AND WHY?

Kim Toliusis will leave," Heidi Henrickson all my books and papers for notes next year. Dbbie Waite can have my stuffed animals for her collection and Nay Weinhart can have one of my Duran Duran posters." Amy Oliver says, "Being of unsound mind and body, I hereby bequeath the following: all of my cold water from the drinking fountain I leave to Andy Lumm because he likes it. To Kathy Triquet I leave my stinky locker so she'll feel at home and I leave all of my hot lunches to Biz Farrell to fatten her up. To Charels Pressler I leave all my A's- he will need them."

Missy Montgomery leaves "my locker and my teachers to Rinda Teske." Nikki Wilfong leaves "my yearbook and my frog and dog to Kathy because she's my best friend." Theresa Mullins leaves "my locker to my sister Peggy, the school food to the 6th graders, and my so-called study habits to Peggy M., Mark K., Ann B., and Scott F."

Kathy Baughman leaves "my cat to Nikki and my dog to my brother because they get along good and my yearbook to Nikki so she can stare at her boyfriend before she goes to bed at night." Randy Rogers says, "I leave my friend Brad McKenzie all my teachers because I don't want them any more." Dana Tyler leaves "all my junk and locker to Jenny Allwelt and my craziness to Gina Gauthier."

Tom Ballard leaves "everything to Pat Curry because he's the only cool person I know in the 7th grade." Missy Bailey leaves "my books and locker to Linda Buskirk because she's such a brain. My teachers go to my brother Chad because I think they're really cool." Julie Root leaves "my messy locker to Mike Shinaberry and my books to Kristy Olsen." Dolores Reed leaves "my money to Cerrinia because I owe her a lot. And my posters to who ever wants them."

Mike Mumford leaves "my locker to Jason Wolff and the rest doesn't

We leave . . .

matter to me." Mike Bailey leaves "the school because eighth grade was a lot of work." Jason Twardowski doesn't plan on going any where "so I leave nothing to everyone." Sandy Van Dyken leaves "to Ann Baker my messy locker and my dirty gym clothes." Mike Kindig leaves "my locker to the 7th grade." Lora Redmund leaves "my smile to Mr. Edinger." Scott Bredikis leaves "my brains to Mark, my little brother, because that's all I thought of."

Tim Conklin leaves "all my highly prized possessions to Mark Bredikis and all my coolness too because he's the only one I know and he's cool too." Kim Karban leaves "all my 6th and 7th grade tests." Dawn Stahley leaves "Jenny Allwelt my science book and my locker. David Hansen gets all of my gum." Mike Roy leaves "Trevor Smith the big eighth grader who will take my place as center my great juking ability on the basketball court so he can hang with the big boys and I leave the great coach for next year's Georgetown team, Mr. Watterworth."

Amie Hutchins leaves "Pam Ray my locker that hasn't been clean since September." Clint Baney leaves "to my cousin Heather Smith my old gym bag and I'll leave my other cousin Trevor my fabulous fouling ability, especially against Covert." Rich Laham leaves "to Richie Haisma my locker and everything in it. . . a very big mess." David Manocke leaves "my name on the desk in room 214." Steve St. Clair leaves "my grades, books, and all the homework and head aches to Bobby Boyer."

Laura Sullivan leaves "to Tess, library fines, to Cindy P., my antique science book, to Tracy D., my sweats- she borrows them constantly- and the socks on the bottom of my locker and to Kellie P., my ancient algebra book worth at least \$90,000."

Bill Anson leaves "all of the pain teachers for you, future 8th graders." Darci Curtis leaves "Mr. Crook's walk to Cathy Hovda." Melinda Flick leaves "my grades to Cathy Hovda because she needs them bad."

More "leaves"

to you, 6th & 7th grade

Lisa Smith leaves "to Carrie Betzner and Casey Myers my collection of Tomas Howell pictures, to Ingrid Lacey my locker #318 and all my stickers." Mike Charron leaves "my pencil to Leonard Griffith and my good looks to Lance Ballou. He needs them."

Mark Gilley leaves "my brains to Lori Kelly. Lord knows she needs them." John Norg says "first come first serve. It's all yours." Sarah Gilbert leaves "all my cherished memories to Jane McGuire and to Cathy Hovda I leave all my books and brains." Joel Parish leaves "my good looks to Jim Degroff and I leave my athletic talent to the whole school so they can win all their track meets."

Uhad Lyon leaves "to Matt Hess my good taste, to Doug Powless I leave my brain and all my classes and to Mike Makowski I leave my sympathy because you have two more years to go." Bob Shirley leaves "my ashes to the school so the janitor can sweep them up." Lance Devenport leaves "my good thoughts 'be good in school' and to all the candy eaters, get in Mr. Brill's room." Craig Schuring leaves "my high heel shoes that I wore in the play to my good friend John Tapper."

Jeannine Bos leaves "my books to Colleen because I can't get all the stickers out and she gave me most of them." Steve Brucher leaves "my locker to my brother who is going to be here next year and I leave the hole in the men's locker that goes through to the girls' locker room." Abbie Adams leaves "my old sweats and my old pack of Certs to Andy Griffith and to Steve Cowell I leave my black comb."

Laurie Lanphear leaves "Janise Overton my smelly socks and gum under all my desks and all my good grades." Calvin Williams leaves "to Tisha Mitchell and Ingrid Lacey my Michael Jackson posters, to Matt Crosser and Mark Kruizinga my good books, and to Dirrad my dirty clothes." Debbie Waite leaves "to Heidi Henrickson my locker and Mr.

Mr. Brill's class and I leave her my good memories and some great dances so she can have fun. To John Tapper I leave my gym socks to keep him awake, to Cathy Hovda I leave all of Mr. Brill's movies so she can get all the sleep she wants, to Missy Ogden I leave my sack lunches so she can gain weight safely without having to touch the school's lunch."

Susy Stevens leaves "to Linda Buskirk my locker and everything in it but be warned - don't get lost. I leave my intelligence to Vangie Tovias." Bob Stilson leaves "to Rindi Teske my gum collection and to Cathy Triquet my love note collection and to Tim Bannister my cookie collection."

Steve Erickson leaves "to John Tapper my height and to Tim Bannister my intelligence." Sara Lumm leaves "to Andy Lumm the new school and new experiences." Amy Pollack leaves "Joann all my popularity and when yearbooks come out getting all the people to come up to you asking you to sign it." Jim Adams leaves "my locker, books and the graffiti on the walls to anyone who wants them. Why I don't know."

Vickie Rose leaves "Hope Overacker my stinky old gym socks." April Ruthruff leaves "my pencil stubs to Jennifer Evans, my smelly tenny bobbars to Marsha Ruthruff and my holey sweatpants to Christy Brown." Elizabeth Larson leaves "to Kim Herring my clothes because she's got class and to Monica Bloedorn my running shoes so you'll do great next year in track."

Jennifer Cella leaves "my locker to Ann Kussy and my gym clothes to Sue Wunderlich." Patti Barker leaves "grey purse to Steve Cowell and my gloves so he won't get fingerprints on anyone. To Andy Griffith I leave an old pack of Certs." Sherry Flowers leaves "my very small locker to Kim Herring and Mr. Brill's social studies to Kim Wilson." Rick Walters leaves "to Trevor Smith my athletic ability and my coordination."

Chris Bartholomew leaves "my OP ads with beautiful women on them to all the boys in 7th grade and I

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leave my BMX pictures and pictures of me getting rad to all the people in 6th and 7th gradewho want to get into racing." And finally, Jeff Wert leaves "my great taste in girls to Mike Makowski, to anyone taller than me I leave my height. I leave my awesome spelling skills to anyone crazy enough to want to be in a spelling bee. I leave all of my clothes to Lenard (Squigman) Griffiths in hope that he will follow in my footsteps and be voted best-dressed."

CHOIR SINGS MAY 23

The choir held a concert May 23 that included all grades.

The 8th grade special songs were done by Melissa Makowski, Theresa Mullins and Debbie Waite and Pete Langone who did accompaniment on the guitar. 8th grade special numbers were done by Missy Denhamer, Heather Staniszewski, Jenny Paluch, Anne Kussy, Monica Bloedorn and Peggy Mullins. 6th grade special numbers were done by Jenny Burrows and George Marks.

The choir is under the direction of Mrs. Merilee Gaines-Green.

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Cheerleaders Chosen

Freshmen cheerleaders include the following people: Sherri Flowers, Denyse Hamel, Sarah McCarthy, Carin Thomas, Melissa Makowski, Sandy Van Dyken and Debbie Waite, and Julie Root.

Class Officers-1988

The class of 1988 chose class officers last week but not intime for this issue. These people will be part of the high schoolstudent council.

FAREWELL FROM US

The Good Timers bid farewell for another year and a new staff will begin in fall. So long from Carin Thomas, Amy Oliver, Sara Lumm, April Ruthruff, Jennifer Cella, Steve Brucher, Tim Reinoehl, Randy Rogers, Tom Ballard, Scott Pugsley, Mark Gilley, and Joel Parish.

HAVE A GOOD SUMMER!

To Be a Bomb

What it is like to be a Bomb

A bomb is a gun
It's shot, it kills
It becomes a part of the body
Stopping heartbeat, blood flows.
A bomb- it flows, it stings
And it has a keen feeling
of burning, turning and running
scattered as shattered windows.

As abomb hits it becomes part
of the ground, the air, the grass
As the people have no chance,
No chance, no chance, no chance.

C. Williams

500 CLUB MEMBERS

Congratulations to the 500 club members. Seventeen people made the club, more than any other year since the club began ten years ago.

New members and their points are Jeff Marr, 544, Rick Walters, 543, Len Griffiths, 534, Mike Brown, 520, Sean Casey, 519, Jason Twardowski, 517, Bill Anson, 516, John Bielski, 514, Ken Van Horn, 511, Steve Johnson, 507, James Lacy, 507, Mike Hansen, 506, James Adams, 505, Brent White, 503, Casey Kopec, 501, and Mike Charron, 501.

High pointers for the 8th grade were Jeff Marr and Dana Tyler, 405, (for girls.) 7th grade high pointers were Len Griffiths and Reba McLe-more, 452.

New records were set by Reba McLemore, Dena Craig, Sue Wunderlich, Len Griffiths, Mike Brown, and Rick Walters.

What is Respect?

Respect: to consider worthy of high regard, to refrain from interfering with. Respect =esteem.

It is important to be respectful because it shows you have self-respect and esteem. Life is no bowl of cherries so you might as well just make it as easy as possible. It is also important
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Respect Continues

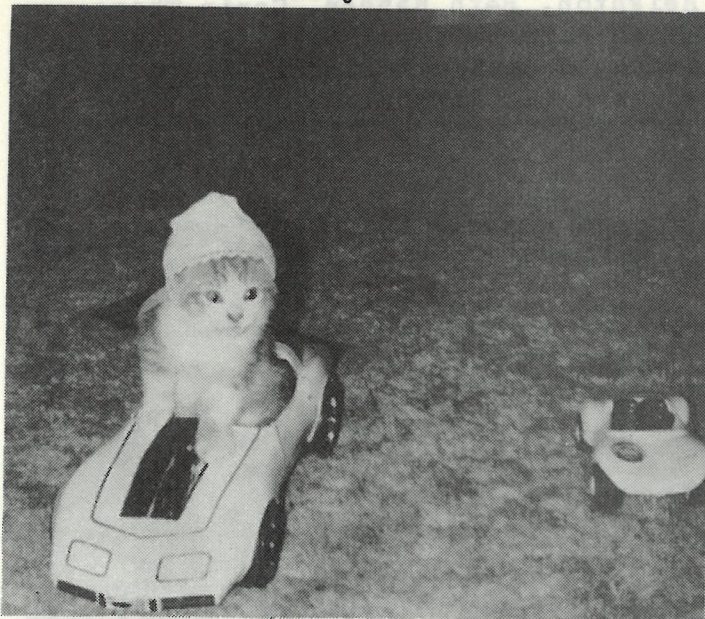
because one of these days you're going to really need your manners for something or another. The respect you show others is reflected back to you. It makes other people want to respect you.

Respect is something that every one should show and get at some point in life. A few years back respect from children was do or die. My mother always preaches respect to me.

Respect involves knowing when to and when not to do or say something. It's how to sound when you answer and what to say when you do. If you're smart and mouthy it will get you nowhere but in trouble. If you're kind and courteous, you will probably go places in life. Once you learn how to treat someone higher than you, life will be without much complication at all.

You should respect your elders or those who are higher ranked than you or other adolescents because of authority. You give your main amount of respect to the person or persons in charge. In school that is the teacher or aides or principal. At home it's your parents and other adults. Respect is important among all people at all levels to keep the world pleasant.

anonymous



What's this? Driver's training at Paw Paw High? An enterprising 8th grader takes to the road- or carpet!

5th Grade Winners

The Good Times sponsored a contest for the fifth graders at Black River and Cedar Street and for sixth graders at St. Mary's. We asked them all to write a paragraph telling their feelings about the middle school and how they viewed coming over here in fall. The three winners got a Sugar Bear gift certificate and a free Good Times.

The winner from St. Mary's was Matt Forster who wrote,

"The middle school will be different because I'm used to parochial schools. To others it seems 'scarey' because they only have heard bad things about the middle school. But I've heard about the advanced math and the other types of programs you have which sound interesting. From what my friends tell me, I'm anxious for next year."

The winner from Black River was Teelina Rumbaugh who said,

"The middle school will be super because it shows that we'll be getting older and more mature. The classes will be harder. Everyone will achieve and accomplish something new, the first year. We will be one step closer to becoming an adult and what we want to be. There will be disadvantages to going to the middle school. We will miss our childhood and old teachers, the good times in fifth grade and especially Mrs. Veley.

Runner-up for Black River was Niki Finnerman.

The winner for Cedar Street was Tiffany Tate who wrote,

"The middle school will be great because of the school dances. All my friends in the middle school tell me how fun it is. I always have smaller kids hanging on me at recess. In the middle school I wouldn't have that because the sixth graders are the smallest kids. I heard that the teachers are "ok" too.

Runner-up for Cedar Street was Michelle Wright.

See you in fall!

The Annual

May 25 was the date of the last schooldance of the year, the 8th grade annual.

Open only to 8th graders, the dance was held in the cafeteria and music was provided by Tim Hall. Tickets were only 25¢

Carnations were sold and punch, chips, pretzels and cookies were the refreshments.

Chaperones were Mr. Erickson and Mrs. Swanson.

Track and Field Days were the highlights of the week of May 21-25.

♪ The band held a concert May 23. ♪

Exams will be different from last year. Exam days will permit all seven classes to meet each day with half-hour schedules. Exams then can be given in two parts. Books will be turned in on the 7th.

Pictured below are the track teams. The boys' team consists of (1st row) Rob Shirley, Steve Houghton, Clint Baney, Mark Gilley, Eric Lean, Tim Coombs, Todd Warner, Sean Casey, and Joel Parish. (2nd row) Scott Pugsley, Mike Roy, Chad Lyon, Doug Powless, Trevor Smith, Craig Begeman, Steve Erickson, Bob Stilson, and Mr. E.

Dear Sam,

Dear Sam,

This past summer I met a boy at the lake. He asked me to "go with" him. He was staying with a friend of mine for the summer. After he left, we wrote to each other and called each other every day. After he started talking about getting married, I broke up with him. Lately he has been calling me and asking me to go back with him.

I told him to stop calling me but he won't. What can I do?

Needs help badly

Dear Needs,

Next time he calls tell him exactly how you feel and insist that he stop calling you. If you talk to him after telling him not to call, it's easy to see why he doesn't believe you. If necessary, ask your mom or dad to tell him to bug off. He should get the message.

The girls' track team includes the following: row 1, Peggy Mullins, Missy Bailey, Jenny Paluch, Annette Brugh, Theresa Drake, Denyse Hamel, Julie Root, Darci Curtis, Ingrid Lacy, Monica Blossdown. Row 2, Mrs. F., Jenny Burk, Melissa Heighton, Beth Hansen, Carin Thomas, Sarah McCarthy, Patty Wiley, Stephanie Herwick, Jeannine Pawlecki, Tisha Mitchell and Liz Larson.

